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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-captioned case.

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36.00 Please amend the case as listed below.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 14-29 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 6 as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claim is included in Attachment A.

7. (Amended) The method as recited in claim 6, wherein said routing the search query to at least one provider specified by the one or more selected provider registrations

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